

Department of Commerce Growth Management Services Planner's Update

A monthly newsletter to share helpful information related to planning in Washington State

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Welcome to the Planner's Update, an electronic newsletter from the Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services. We send this newsletter monthly to share helpful information related to planning in Washington State.

Please feel free to send us any comments or ideas for how to make this newsletter more useful. You can also use the link below to provide additional names of planners who might like to subscribe.

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1. Strategies for Winning Infill Development Support

A number of communities have developed exemplary programs to encourage and win support for infill development that respects neighborhood character and adds to the community. [More from MRSC Insight.](#)

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2. Funding Available for State, Local and Tribal Governments

This message announces the availability of funding and technical assistance in current funding opportunities for state, local, and tribal governments from the U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and American Institute of Architects (AIA) that can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including smart growth, sustainability, and economic development. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below.

In addition, please visit the calendar of 2012 EPA grant opportunities <http://lists.icfwebservices.com/t/25371/732194/3874/2/> that may be of particular interest to communities.

EDA Economic Development Assistance Programs Federal Funding Opportunity

Application Due: Varies by program year; next due date is September 14, 2012, Eligible Entities: State and local governments, federally recognized tribes, non-profits, institutions of higher education.

Under the Economic Development Assistance Programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Through the EDAP FFO, EDA solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. In fiscal year 2012, a total of \$50,060,000 is available.

For more information, visit the EDA grant opportunity synopsis <http://lists.icfwebservices.com/t/25371/732194/3881/7/>

AIA Sustainable Design Assessment Teams (SDAT)

Technical Assistance Application Due: Two review cycles; upcoming due date is October 12, 2012
Eligible Entities: Committees with a cross-section of residents, local government agencies, businesses, institutions, and community groups. A letter of support from the local AIA chapter is required.

The Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) program focuses on the importance of developing sustainable communities through design. The American Institute of Architects' Center for Communities by Design is seeking potential partner communities that can demonstrate the capacity to convene a diverse set of community leaders and stakeholders for an intensive, collaborative planning process focused on long-term sustainability. The Center is particularly focused on identifying communities that have the ability to leverage local resources and build strong partnerships for implementation of an SDAT process. Awarded communities will receive pro bono services from a multidisciplinary team through the program, and the AIA commits to funding up to \$15,000 for each project to cover team expenses.

For more information, visit the AIA SDAT page <http://lists.icfwebservices.com/t/25371/732194/4205/31/>

EPA State and Local Climate and Energy Program

State and local officials interested in additional information about developing and implementing cost-effective climate and energy strategies that help further environmental goals and achieve public health and economic benefits may visit EPA's State and Local Climate and Energy Program. <http://lists.icfwebservices.com/t/25371/732194/3882/33/>

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